

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



*Planting/Harvesting/Irrigating

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RELEASED: October 2, 2000 3:00 p.m. - Temperatures were below normal with less than normal rainfall. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 18 percent very short, 40 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROPS: Wheat planted began. Rice, sorghum, soybean, and cotton harvest continued with corn harvest near completion. Full season soybeans were still being irrigated. Some farmers were preparing to seed cool season crops such as wheat, ryegrass, and oats while others were waiting for moisture conditions to improve. Additional activities included knocking down rice levees, rolling rice stubble.

LIVESTOCK: Cooler temperatures continued giving relief to livestock and poultry. Livestock were in fair condition. Farmers were weaning calves. Pasture conditions across the state were improving. Selling-off of some cows and light calves continued due to lack of forage and supplemental feeding of hay was reported in many counties. Cattle were still being treated for flies and external parasites.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Mature	99	98	100	97					
Harvested	93	91	95	84					
WHEAT									
Planted	2	0	2	3					
COTTON					4	18	38	34	6
Opening Bolls	96	93	95	91					
Harvest	34	23	36	21					
SOYBEANS					19	25	29	22	5
Shedding	63	44	45	38					
Mature	34	24	na	na					
Harvest	19	13	18	12					
RICE									
Ripe	98	94	na	na					
Harvest	77	63	84	76					
CORN									
Harvest	98	97	97	95					
ALFALFA					8	32	54	6	0
OTH. HAY					22	48	24	5	1
PASTURE					31	50	17	2	0

1/Many reports are received on Friday and may not reflect conditional changes due to weekend weather.

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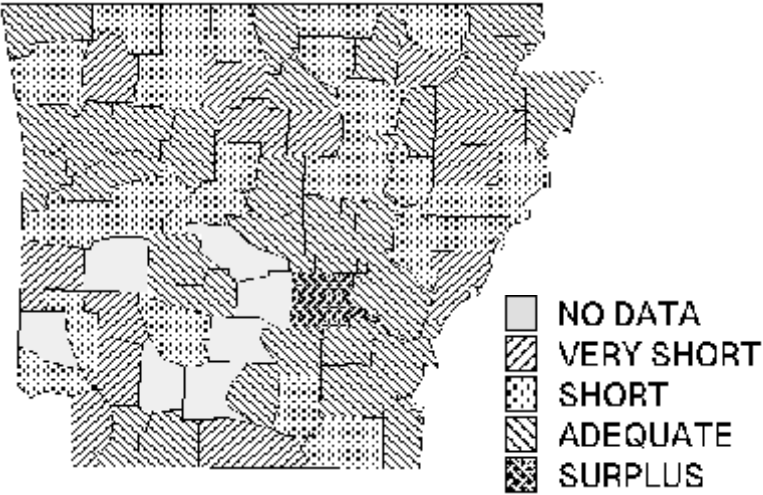
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 1, 2000. Temperatures were very mild with below normal temperatures over the entire state. Rainfall was received on Monday with little or no additional rainfall for the remainder of the week. The high temperature of 90^o was reported at both Eudora and Fort Smith. The low of 36^o was reported at Fayetteville. The precipitation ranged from a low of .23 inch at Fayetteville to a high of 2.71 inches at Hope.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING October 1, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING OCT 01	CURRENT SEPT. ACCUM.	SEPT. NORMAL	JAN-AUG	
							2000	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	82	36	-8	0.23	3.74	4.09	26.97	28.88
Harrison	81	39	-7	0.31	3.35	3.90	24.05	29.51
2 Calico Rock	85	40	-5	1.35	2.27	3.93	26.51	29.13
Evening Shade				na	0.00	4.10	0.00	30.47
Gilbert	88	39	-5	0.42	2.27	3.62	23.88	28.42
Greers Ferry	85	43	-4	1.01	2.95	4.47	25.30	33.50
Mountain Home	83	40	-7	0.70	2.85	3.68	25.03	28.47
3 Batesville	84	43	-6	0.97	2.26	4.37	20.86	31.55
Black Rock				na	0.00	4.23	0.00	31.13
Georgetown				na	0.00	3.95	0.00	34.05
Jonesboro	86	44	-6	1.44	1.64	3.69	24.00	32.63
Keiser	85	43	-5	1.59	3.01	3.83	26.89	34.21
Newport	84	46	-5	2.33	3.20	4.12	20.84	34.26
4 Booneville	87	39	na	0.58	2.65	na	20.32	na
Clarksville	86	42	-6	0.58	3.22	3.90	22.19	30.04
Dardanelle	86	43	-6	0.71	2.49	3.67	20.48	31.28
Ft. Smith	90	42	-5	0.44	3.42	3.24	17.82	26.96
Mena	82	39	-9	2.50	3.99	4.74	26.87	35.02
Ozark	85	39	-9	0.45	2.99	4.12	23.62	28.76
5 Hot Springs	87	43	-6	1.20	3.06	4.37	29.46	38.38
N Little Rock	87	46	-2	2.35	2.74	4.08	24.16	31.70
6 Augusta				na	0.00	4.21	0.00	33.46
Marianna	87	44	-5	0.57	1.12	4.02	22.68	34.71
Stuttgart	88	43	-5	0.94	1.68	4.06	25.54	32.99
7 Hope	86	43	-8	2.71	3.19	4.28	25.58	35.13
8 Camden	87	45	-7	1.65	2.35	4.50	28.69	33.88
El Dorado	89	44	-5	2.07	3.85	3.64	29.23	34.32
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	3.51	0.00	36.26
Eudora	90	45	-5	0.32	3.31	3.42	35.44	36.84
Pine Bluff	86	46	-8	0.76	2.53	3.79	24.00	34.47
Rohwer	87	42	-6	0.52	1.51	3.71	32.45	35.92

na = data not available

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